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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, CY, US  
SUBJECT: LYSSARIDES' DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITY

1. IN WAKE OF NICOSIA ASSASSINATION OF AAPMSO SEC GEN  
AL SIBAI AND SUBSEQUENT EGYPTIAN-CYPRIOI ARMED CLASH AT  
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LARNACA, SOCIALIST EDEK PARTY CHAIRMAN LYSSARIDES AND PARTY  
ORGAN TA NEA HAVE LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO DIVERT ATTENTION  
FROM LYSSARIDES' PROMINENT ROLE IN FIASCO AND PLACE BLAME  
PRIMARILY ON U.S. AND ITS "ALLIES," EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

2. IN FEB 23 LEAD ARTICLE, TA NEA REPORTED THAT  
EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE, ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE STATION

CHIEF AND U.S. ASSISTANT DEFENSE ATTACHE CO-  
ORDINATED EGYPTIAN COMMANDO ACTIVITIES AT LARNACA AIR-  
PORT. PURPOSE OF "COLLABORATION" WAS AGAINST ANTI-  
OCCUPATION STRUGGLE OF CYPRUS, NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVE-  
MENT OF ARABS AND PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION WITH ULTIMATE  
OBJECTIVE UNDERMINING OF CYPRUS AND KYPRIANOU TO CREATE  
PREREQUISITE FOR EMERGENCE OF A PRO-WESTERN FIGURE  
PRIOR TO KYPRIANOU'S FEB 28 INVESTITURE AS PRESIDENT.

3. IN DIFFERENT VEIN, BUT PROBABLY WITH SIMILAR MOTIVE,  
LYSSARIDES SPOKE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEB 23  
ACCUSING U.S. ENVOY CLARK CLIFFORD OF HAVING FORCED  
LATE PRESIDENT INTO A PREMATURE DEATH. SPEAKING AS  
"MAKARIOS'PERSONAL PHYSICIAN" LYSSARIDES SAID THAT  
CLIFFORD'S PRESSURES FOR CONCESSIONS HAD LED MAKARIOS  
PREMATURELY TO THE GRAVE. FURTHER, "I AM IN A POSITION  
TO KNOW WHAT AN IMMENSE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BIO-  
LOGICAL BLOW IT HAD BEEN FOR MAKARIOS WHEN HE BECAME  
AWARE OF THE DECEIT AND STARTED THE PLANNED MATERIALI-  
ZATION OF A LONG STRUGGLE."

4. COMMENT. LYSSARIDES APPEARS TO US TO BE UNCOM-  
FORTABLE IN HIS AWARENESS THAT HIS EXTREMELY HIGH-  
PROFILE DIRECTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE  
TERRORISTS AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEBACLE HAVE LEFT  
HIM DANGEROUSLY EXPOSED TO CRITICISM. HIS INITIAL  
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RESPONSE SEEMS TO BE A RATHER HEAVY-HANDED ATTEMPT  
TO DIVERT ATTENTION ELSEWHERE AND TO OVER-APPLAUD  
KYPRIANOU'S "MANAGEMENT" OF THE SITUATION.  
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